

To Whom it May Concern:

Delaware Nature Society is grateful for the opportunity to comment on the Phase II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Entities Permit.

Delaware Nature Society's works to connect people with the natural world through education, conservation, and advocacy. We envision a healthy and sustainable environment for all. On behalf of our 6,000 members and Delawareans across the state, we advocate for policies that address the causes and impacts of climate change, conserve land and waters, reduce pollution, protect the supply of drinking water, and improve our degraded waterways.

We strongly urge adding Kent and Sussex counties to the MS4 permit process. Each county manages a large portion of the 2010 urbanized area. They play a key role in reducing the impacts of stormwater and protecting water quality overall.

We also urge a clear statement of the MS4 program's long-term water quality goals and a schedule of milestones toward them. The goals must factor in climate change and its impacts. We are warned to expect more frequent and intense storms. The MS4 program should be geared toward limiting their impact.

Thank for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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Together we envision a healthy and sustainable environment.